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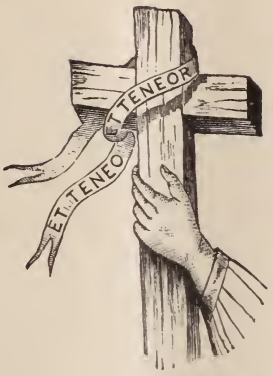

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Beyond the Seas.

SIAM.

THROUGH the courtesy of a sister society, we are able to present to our readers the following interesting letter from Mrs. Dr. House. We hope soon to have letters from our own missionaries in Siam.

BANGKOK, February 19th, 1874.

. . . I feel that all the ladies who have contributed toward a building for a female school in Bangkok, ought to hear from it, and now that we are at last actually occupying it, I will tell you about it. Mr. George, one of our missionaries, had permission from home to purchase a place, and put up a residence for himself and wife. They had occupied it but a few months in an unfinished state, when soon after our return, they left for America. This was in January, and we had not

yet been able to purchase a suitable place and commence a school building. Seeing this fine building in an unfinished state, when so much had already been expended on it, and knowing how much was necessary still to complete it, and the heavy debt of the Board, made our hearts sad. Dr. House, thinking the situation a very desirable one for a school for girls, and that the building, with some few changes and additions, could be made a very appropriate one for the purpose, wrote to Dr. Irving, suggesting that the matter be submitted to the Board, and to the ladies, in case Mr. George did not return. On account of delays in the mails and a succession of difficulties very trying to our patience, it was the middle of December before the way was made clear to us, that we could have possession. In two days after that, everything was moved by boat five miles up the river, and we slept in the new home on the night of the 18th. We were very weary, but also very grateful and very happy.

And now another strange providence! Miss Anderson had just returned from the country, whither she had gone for a change, and on that very day was taken sick. At the close of the second week, her disease was pronounced to be typhoid fever. The fourteen carpenters who had been making doors, &c., were sent away, and all work stopped. As this is a contagious disease, we declined all the kind offers of assistance, and Dr. House and myself, with the help of a native Christian woman (her assistant teacher in her little school), had the whole care of her. I almost began to doubt whether Heaven smiled upon our plan, for we knew that we might all be carried off with the same fever. But God has been very merciful. Though very sick, and her fever ran high for twenty-one days, she had but a mild form of the disease, and is having a very rapid convalescence.

We have reason to be very hopeful as to the success of our school, when we are ready for it. The natives are making many inquiries about it. One of our native Christians, who sat down to the table of the Lord for the first time this month, says, "he has two nieces who will come, and others are talking about it."

The location of the house is, we think, a desirable one for the school, being in a populous and respectable part of the city. The palaces of the first and second kings are on the opposite side of the river, that of the first king being a little below us, and that of the second a little above us, both of them in sight. The house is in many respects very well calculated for female boarding pupils, and as there is a veranda ten feet wide around it, we are availing ourselves of it by making several additional rooms on the sides of the house. Above, Miss Anderson will have a large front room, and a veranda-room leading into her bath-room. The other large front room will be the school-room for the present, and the rest of the upper floor will be for sleeping-rooms for the pupils. The stairs go up from the dining-room, and there is a door at the foot which will be locked at night, and the key in Miss Anderson's keeping, an arrangement indispensable in planning for such a school in this country, for reasons which I need not give. The native as well as foreign teacher will sleep on the same floor with the pupils. Below, there are parlor, dining-room, bed-room, bath-room, and study. The study we have made from the veranda on the dining-room side, and also a small room and bath-room on one bed-room side of the house. The upper floor will contain the school-room and sleeping-rooms for teachers and pupils.

In this country the kitchens are always separate buildings, and we shall put up a kitchen for the pupils, with a neat dining-room under the same roof. As the school increases there is still space for another large veranda-room for the pupils, and if you send us out another Miss Anderson, or some other assistant teacher, who will need the pleasant school-room for herself, we propose putting up a neat, but not expensive, building on the bank of the river, which will be school-room during the week, and chapel on the Sabbath. It would doubtless draw many to hear the Gospel, who would not come into a room in a private house.

. . . I must not close my already long letter without speaking of the arrival of the *welcome* box from the ladies of Waterford, Lansingburgh, and the Fifth Street Church, Troy. It

came on the second day of Miss Anderson's convalescence. She was bolstered up in a large rocking-chair, and allowed to see the box opened, and then to untie and open herself every package or box addressed to *her*. She was considerably excited, and we were somewhat fearful of the result, but it seemed to have done her *good only*.

. . . The slates and pencils for the school I like very much, and we shall probably be sending home for more. And the beautiful reward cards, and various other little things put in by the darling children! Thanks to these dear young friends. Many other pretty and useful things come up to mind, but I cannot mention all. I hope that if any of *you* are ever missionaries yourselves, *your* friends will send you just such boxes, and then you will *know* what joy they give.

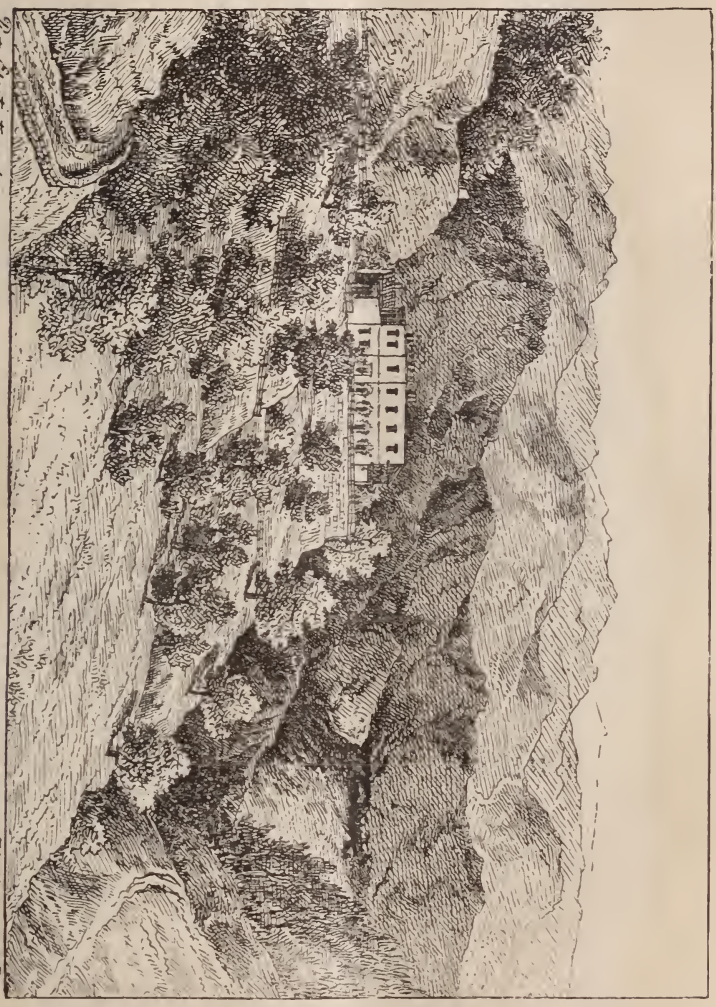
WOODSTOCK.

We believe that many of the readers of *Woman's Work* would recognize the building pictured on the opposite page, even if the name had not been given. How many have already, in their minds, a picture of the mountain school and home which, first in anticipation and then in reality, has held so large a place in the hearts of those who read these pages!

The drawing from which this picture was taken was made by Rev. Mr. Wynkoop on the spot, and by him sent to us. After a photograph had been taken from this drawing, it was transferred by a lately invented process to an electric plate, from which copies are printed. The accuracy of the picture is thus fully preserved, and we are told by Rev. Mr. Woodside, who has been familiar with the place for many years, that it gives an admirably correct idea of the house and its surroundings.

Mr. Wynkoop says, in describing the picture, "It is a view looking to the east, as you have reached the Landour Hill; consequently it gives a side view of the building, together with the mountains lying to the east of Landour. The house stands

on the face of a steep descent, the rock being partly blown away, and a large terrace of masonry having been built up to furnish room for the house. No carriages can come within



seven miles of Landour, as all the roads are mere bridle-paths along the face of the rocky hillside. For the sake of protec-

tion a railing is thrown up outside of the path. Two paths may be seen in the picture; one leads to the house and terminates there, the other passes underneath the house, goes round the hill, and so into the mountain region lying back of Landour."

INDIA.

Mrs. Charles B. Newton.

Lahore, February 12th, 1874.

. . . We have been giving the school children a treat in the form of an excursion to Shalimar Gardens. Miss Fuller, of the Female Normal School and Zenana Missionary Society (England) has seven Mohammedan girls' schools under her care. We some time ago decided upon uniting forces and going out to Shalimar for a day. The children entered into the project with much zest, and have been looking forward to the day with the same eagerness which children at home manifest on similar occasions.

Friday, January 30th, was fixed upon for the festivities. Twelve large, long gáris, resembling emigrant wagons except for their black covers, each drawn by a pair of bullocks, were stationed at convenient places inside and outside of the city, one coming to our house for some native Christian women and the little veranda school which assembles here daily. When this gári arrived we were much annoyed to find that it had just received a coating of oil and coal-dust, to make it look nice and black for the occasion, I presume. Moreover, the driver informed us that all the wagons were in the same condition. My father-in-law and husband drove quickly to the city, covered the bottoms and sides of the gáris with cheap matting, and saw the little company fairly started.

The Shalimar Gardens, situated about three miles from the city, were laid out by the Emperor, Shah Jehán, "king of the world," his name signifies. He was grandson of Akhbár. The gardens are surrounded by a high wall of solid masonry, and cover a great many acres of ground. A broad canal flows through the centre, the whole length from the entrance to the

opposite end, forming two pretty little waterfalls in its course. Under the first of these is an inclined plane of marble, so carved as to form little depressions to break the even flow of the water. The second is a perpendicular fall, back of which are rows of niches for small native lamps, which lighted would give the water a very sparkling appearance in the evening. Rows of fountains are seen the whole length of the canal, also of the canal which intersects it at right angles. Brick-paved walks of various patterns run parallel with the canals and surrounding walls, and cross the garden in many places.

Just above the first fall is a large summer house, the size of which I never appreciated till nearly all of the children of our eleven schools were seated in little groups in different parts of it, without being in the way of anybody who wished to walk about. Just below the fall is a large square tank or reservoir. Opposite the large summer house, and on the two other sides, are small ones. When built, the large one, perhaps all, were mostly of marble, but during the reign of the Sikhs, Ranjeet Singh, one of their emperors, carried off large quantities of it for beautifying his own palace in the city of Lahore, and the golden temple at Umritsir. There are a few other buildings within the inclosure, two bungalows for residence and a bathing-house with curious octagonal rooms. I should not omit to say, however, that there are flower beds and numberless fine trees—the mango, orange, lime, and jámon predominating—which give a delightful shade to nearly every part of the garden.

But to return to the little company that we saw started a short time since. They made slow but sure progress, and with the exception of one wagon, reached Shalimar soon after eleven. Had they been American children they would have been rushing about in five or ten minutes after their arrival, exploring every nook and corner, but as it was, they seemed best pleased to sit about their teachers, taking in what they could of the strange, new scenes from that point.

The two events of the day were the dinner and the distribution of presents. The former consisted of a pilau (pronounced

pillow or pillou). Three immense kettles of copper overlaid with tin, each capable of holding eighty pounds of boiled rice, were hired. In these were cooked two hundred and forty pounds of rice, sixty pounds of beef, twenty-eight pounds of clarified butter, several pounds of raisins, onions, garlic, salt, pepper, cloves, cardamom seeds, and other spices. A strong mixture you will think, but this formed a pilau, and a most delicious compound in the estimation of the three hundred children and women who partook of it.

We were obliged to take Mohammedan servants with us to dispense the food, and the women and children were requested to bring their own dishes, for both would have been defiled by our touch, except, of course, those for the Christians and sweeper caste, some of whom attend my little veranda school. The pilau eaten, an orange was given to each child, and soon after came the distribution of presents. The Christian women who come to my house usually four or five times a week to sew, made little chintz bags, one for each child. In those for the girls we put a doll, needle-book or pin-cushion, and a picture-card, or in case they could read pretty well, a little book, and a few nuts. A nut with a shell, or fruit with peel, is not injured by our touch. The boys (there are a few small ones in all the schools, and some of ten or twelve years in the Christian school) had a cap in place of the doll, and a little money-bag made by the Christian women as a substitute for the needle-book. The other things were the same.

A box of presents from friends in Monroe, N. Y., came just in time to help fill the bags. Should some of the little workers in your Sunday-school feel inclined to send out a box of this kind during the year, I will promise them that it will give a deal of pleasure to their little heathen friends. A small box is best, I think, one which can be inclosed in a larger one at the Mission House. The contents should be plainly written on the outside, say "Dressed dolls, cushions, &c., for mission schools." In this case I think no duty will be charged; but if marked "Dry goods," like one I received, I shall need to pay a heavy duty on it.

PANALLA.

Dr. Wilder writes from this new station, under date of March 16th: "We came here on the 3d inst., have had meetings with scores of people in some dozen different places here, on and around the Fort. We find them ready to listen, and some seem to feel the force of Gospel truth. It was a hard climb up here, but the air is much cooler than below; even the natives show a difference in complexion from the cooler climate. The site of this bungalow is the highest ground in the Northwest. Just before it are two magnificent Jack trees, full of fruit—a coarse fruit, each one when ripe as large as a pumpkin—too coarse for our relish, but much liked by the natives. The luxury of the trees is their deep, cool shade. Other smaller trees are near, some of them covered with gorgeous flowers. I purpose to leave the routine work of the Kolapoor station to the younger brethren for two or three months, and see if we can, with God's help, make an impression at this new point."

THE BEIRUT SEMINARY.

Miss S. Loring.

LABIBE'S LETTER.

"*Her Ladyship, my dear Teacher, Miss Everett,—may she abide in Peace!*

"My longing for you is beyond bounds; your sound conscience will assure you of that, and since I call you 'my mother' I must tell you of my affairs. Wednesday, the twenty-ninth of July, I arrived from the school at my home in Accho. When I had rested a little, my mother said to me, 'Who told you to become a Protestant?' I told her, 'No one told me, but of my own wish I have become one,' and she told me, 'No; you are not going to do as you wish.' I was silent.

"The son of my aunt was present, and said to me, 'Oh, you heretic! All the Protestants are heretics, and you want to be a Protestant?' Said I, 'Why are they heretics?' He said, 'Why do they not take the Virgin Mary to be their mediator?'

'Why is she a mediator?' 'She intercedes for us with her Son.' He gave this illustration: 'If I am angry with a man and I wish to kill him, and he wishes me to forgive him, he will not come to *me*, but goes to my mother, and says, "I pray you entreat your son for me that he forgive me." My mother says to me, "I pray you, my son, my favor upon you; I entreat you to forgive this man." I listen to her and forgive him; so Christ hears his mother.' I said to him, 'If you said to this man, "Come with me and *I* will forgive you, come only and *I* will save you," would he need to go to your mother? I think if he went to her after you called him you would be displeased. Christ calls thus: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Also, from John's Epistle, "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous."' I told him, also, 'Mariam, the Virgin, cannot hear us, because she is not God and her body has become dust. Alas! she could not save herself, but trusted in the Lord and He saved her.' To this he could not answer me.

"A young Protestant, who teaches in Nazareth, was in the city. He came to see me, and he said, 'O Labibe, do not fear your father nor your mother. Trade with the talent which is yours.' My mother said, 'Indeed! why do you tell her so? We do not wish you to teach her not to fear us!' The young man, my cousin, who last week called me a heretic, has now become a Christian. Sunday I talked with my sister. I said, 'Sister, are you not afraid of the judgment?' She answered, 'No,' and when I heard that I began to cry, and I talked to her of hell and its tortures. She said, 'Shall I alone be tortured? Everybody will be and I shall be only one of the multitude.' At this I cried harder. Neither will my father be convinced.

"O Miss Everett, if I could see you I would tell you so much which my father says, and I weep because of the hardness of their hearts. May God gather us all in heaven. How I long for you! The Lord show me your face, if only for one moment! Do not forget me in your prayers."

The above is a translation of a portion of a letter written by one of the three girls who graduated from Beirut Seminary, Syria, July 18th, 1873. The letter shows a realization of those fears which kept the girl out of the kingdom of God for three years. During those years she hovered just on the threshold, the heart aching to enter in, while the weak, timid flesh shrank from the opposition which she knew such a step would involve. It was easy for us to contrast the wrath of angry parents with that of an angry Judge at the last day; it was easy for us to plead the "promises" for her sure keeping; but let us put ourselves in her place. Six years from home in a distant city; a girl of fine intellect, adding grace to grace; a petted child, she longs for her home and yearns for the old endearing names, the *aayouny* ("my eyes") which blessed her little girlhood. The Spirit of God strives powerfully with her. A few weeks more and she leaves a Christian influence, perhaps forever. The struggle is fearful, but she comes up out of the depths a ransomed soul. How many of *us* would have taken the step this young Arab dared to take?

She broke the tidings to her family by letter. A few days after, with tears and sobs, she left the Seminary, now doubly dear to her as the birthplace of her soul into the new life, and set sail for home. Her soul is anchored on Him who has spoken to her a "Peace, be still!" yet she questions, "How will my father greet me? Will my mother take me to her bosom and kiss me as of old?" Her letter tells us of her reception. And that is not all. Through her patience and sweetness that cousin was converted and others have become Protestants. But poor Labibe! Her diploma has been taken from her and torn, and her poor body has been made to writhe under the lash, for Christ's sake. This is one sample of the firmness of the girls who go out from that Seminary. One of those timid, shrinking ones overpowered a priest, last summer, with her Gospel arguments.

Of the ninety-five girls in the school there are fifty-five in the *pay* department. Of these, twenty-five pay part or full tuition, the remaining thirty are supported by auxiliaries of the New

York Ladies' Board at sixty dollars yearly in gold. Besides this, there are a few hundred dollars paid into the general treasury. Still there is quite a large deficit which the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is authorized to meet, as far as possible, by assigning to its auxiliaries scholarships of from *fifty* to *one hundred dollars* in gold. A few of these scholarships are already taken. Tidings come to us of the crippling of the work in Syria, both from the retrenching by the Board and from *famine*. Must this school suffer? Will you, mothers, who lavish your hundreds yearly upon your daughters, withhold this paltry sum from these Syrian girls? Are there societies which have not yet chosen a definite object? Is not this a glorious opportunity for you?

SAN FRANCISCO.

Mrs. Ira M. Condit.

I have had numerous letters from Eastern friends, asking about our native assistant and his wife. I will answer some of these inquiries through the pages of *Woman's Work*.

Tam Ching, Ah Ho, his wife, and Oi Chau, their little daughter, constitute the family. Tam Ching came to San Francisco about ten years ago. He was then a *heathen boy*. In personal appearance he was ungainly, but his character soon developed some qualities which have since fitted him in a peculiar manner for work among his own people. Through the influence of one already in the school he was, early after his arrival, brought under the teaching of the missionaries. He soon showed an eager thirst for knowledge, and was not long in apprehending the truths of the Gospel, so as to desire baptism. This ordinance he received in May, 1864. He continued under instruction three years longer, meanwhile performing the duties of a house-servant. But, like Paul, he felt a strong necessity laid upon him to preach the Gospel to his own people. So strongly was he impressed with his duty to preach, that he returned to China in 1867 and prosecuted his studies for the ministry.

While in China he was united in marriage to Ah Ho. The history of Ah Ho's life is very interesting. When she was four years old her mother sold her to a Chinese woman for sixteen dollars. This *second* mother was living with Mrs. Dr. Happer, and of course took the little Ah Ho with her, and she entered Mrs. Happer's school. She soon made not only progress in secular knowledge, but also learned much of the Gospel. Her second mother was a Christian. When she was sixteen years of age she was baptized by Dr. Happer, and when twenty-one was married.

Her marriage was hastened by the desire on the part of her mother to have her become a secondary wife. Upon hearing her mother's desire, Ah Ho resolved that, rather than do this, she would never marry. When her mother was most persistent in her efforts to bring about this state of things, Dr. Happer returned home, and Ah Ho, feeling greatly distressed lest her mother should compel her to marry, went to Miss Noyes, and told her if she would find a Christian husband for her she would marry. Mr. Noyes advised her marriage with Tam Ching, who had recently returned to Canton. Accordingly, "in the first month, and last week of the month," they stood up in the *middle* of the church and were united in Christian marriage, Rev. Mr. Preston performing the ceremony, Mr. and Miss Noyes standing with them, and some four hundred witnessing the ceremony. This was at 10 o'clock in the morning. She went to her husband's house, and as it is the Chinese custom for the bride to don her good clothes *after* the ceremony, not *before*, as with us, she then dressed herself in her bridal attire, after which they attended a special service in the church. When Tam Ching was ready to preach they came to this mission. Though they are in some things Americanized, still they retain many of their customs, such as living on Chinese food, eating with chopsticks, &c.

But what shall I tell the little ones of baby Oi Chau? Well, she is a prattling baby, but she prattles in Chinese. She laughs and cries like other little babies, a real American laugh and cry.. She has a few English words, such as "papa," "mamma,"

and "by by," and she can put up her tiny hand and kiss a very sweet good by. She sometimes wears American clothes, as her mother does, but I more often find her wearing Chinese clothes. Her hair is not braided into the queue, but is parted at one side. She is the "mission baby," and as she is the only child of the church, the first child of Christian Chinese parents baptized here, she has a great many kind friends. Through patient teaching, with God's blessing upon it, we may have many more such Christian families among the Chinese. *The Christian wife and mother makes the home.*

Miss Cummings, who has recently been appointed to the work among the women, has entered upon her labor with gratifying results. Ah Ho is her interpreter. Now, dear readers of *Woman's Work*, when you are seated in your homes, will you not think of these two Christian women as they thread their way through miserable alleys and into narrow passageways, seeking out the poor heathen women? Will you not pray that God will bless them in their labors? Most of all they need your *prayers*. And you may also assist by generous donations. In these two ways you may have a share in the good work of building up Christian families, and in setting up family altars among the heathen idols. While you so generously remember Woodstock and Panalla, do not forget our *home* and our *missionary*.

CHINA.

Mrs. C. W. Mateer.

Tungchow, Feb. 17th. 1874.

To-day is the Chinese New Year. One year ago to-day our mission had in Chefoo three unbroken families, and in Tungchow four. A few weeks later Mrs. Corbett, of Chefoo, was taken to her rest. My sister, Mrs. Capp, was then seriously ill, but so far recovered that we hoped she might fully recover. You know how our hopes were disappointed, and how she and her husband sorrowfully turned their faces homeward, and how Mr. and Mrs. Crossette cheerfully consented to the trial of a

long separation that he might remain at his work. You know too the terrible affliction my sister suffered on the way, and how our little band here mourn a brother who will return no more.

Now the Lord's hand has been again laid heavily upon us. Two weeks ago to-day Mrs. Mills entered into her rest. She was the strongest woman in our little community here. Certainly no one had a better prospect of long life, but she died of pleurisy after only eight days' illness. She has left the best evidence that our loss is her gain. She has left to the Chinese Christians a beautiful example of a Christian wife and mother, a self-sacrificing and benevolent friend, besides all her direct teaching of the Gospel to the women and girls of Tungchow. She was a most devoted mother—could not be persuaded to leave her children even to take needed rest—but she was able at last to resign herself and her husband and children, with all their interests, entirely into God's hands, having no will but His. Many thought her life wasted when given to the heathen.

One of her sorest trials was the lifelong opposition of some of her friends, Christian friends too, to her devoting herself to the missionary work. She had at the last no regrets for *any* sacrifice she had made for her Saviour, and she had made not a few. There was no longing and looking backward and wishing any circumstance had been different. It was all "How good God is to me! How kind is the Holy Spirit who keeps constantly bringing to mind such precious words from the Bible; just what I need!" She was thankful "to die quietly in her own home, surrounded by her own family and her missionary friends." She knew her Chinese friends were praying earnestly for her recovery, and her last anxiety was lest their faith might be shaken in God's goodness if He failed to answer their prayers.

One dear old Christian woman was inconsolable. She did not doubt that God did right always, and knew best, but she could not be comforted. To-day she came to see me with a happier face, and told me that, while mourning in the night,

she had recalled the story of Job, and how he bore the loss of all his property and all his children, and had learned a lesson.

The death of Mr. Capp and Mrs. Mills has made heaven seem nearer to the Chinese Christians, and more real. And it has brought heaven nearer to us all. Mrs. Mills leaves four little children, one a deaf mute, five years old to-day. Alas, how is our mission weakened! There remain only two women, Miss Dickey and I, and neither of us strong. How long have we looked for help, and looked in vain. May the Lord send more laborers soon, before we fall, and none are left to carry on the work! There is surely more than one woman in the Presbyterian Church fit and able to come to our rescue. Why are none willing? We have appealed again and again, now we are in such sore need, will no one come to help us? I have been too long from home to know now where to write personal appeals, or I should have tried that method. But "the Lord's ear is not heavy," and we will call upon Him till he sends more laborers into His vineyard.

PERSIA.

MRS. W. L. WHIPPLE.

CITY OF OROOMIAH, Jan 6th, 1874.

TO THE LADIES OF PRINCETON CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

MY VERY DEAR FRIENDS: . . . . I wonder if any of you can conceive how ignorant the mountain women are. We have helpers and teachers in many of these mountain villages, and they need the prayers of all, for them and their work. Since the Seminary opened in November I have had two classes, the same one in arithmetic I had last year, and the first or oldest girls for half an hour in geography. This makes one hour's lesson for me in the language every day, besides our regular lesson with our teacher.

You ask "if the climate and manner of life affect my health?" I think not, at least my health has been perfect all summer. The only trouble I have is in taking a severe cold every time I

go to a native house. Their houses are so damp and cold that I feel it the moment I enter the door. I am afraid I never shall learn to eat the native food. It is so full of grease, garlic, &c., that I cannot induce it to go down my throat. It is very inconvenient when visiting the villages, for it is almost impossible to refuse the host, they are so generous and take so much trouble for us.

The snow is so deep now (almost two feet) that it is impossible to go into the villages until there is a path made. We are surrounded by a vast sea of snow, and will be for the rest of the winter, they say. At the annual meeting held in November, it was voted to open the school for Mussulman girls, but we could not afford to pay the high rent for the only property that was suitable. It seemed too bad to give it up when there were twenty-six girls asking to come.

I think missionaries, more than those at home, appreciate this week when every day we, with those we love, are all praying for the *same* object. We meet as a mission circle every night for prayer; and a service in Syriac is held at noon in the school-room for the school-girls and any members of the church who choose to come. One of the missionaries or the pastor leads the meeting.

I thank you all very much for the assurance of your sympathy and love. It strengthens us to know and feel that you are praying for us. I hope you will pray especially that I may have that love for the souls of these women around me, that will enable me to overcome entirely all feelings of—I cannot call it repugnance—but it is so hard to feel willing to sit down by them when they are so wretchedly filthy and repulsive. I know I must overcome this feeling before I can really do them good. I need more consecration, need my heart *entirely* filled with love for my Saviour, to do the work which has been given me to do. I used to think that it would be easier to work for Christ in another country than at home, but now I know there is no difference if our hearts are only filled with love to Jesus, and with the one desire to have others, all our friends, love Him also.

At Home.

THE COMING YEAR.

THERE are those who think that the truest Christian life, and that most acceptable to God, is found amidst doubts and fears and constant distress over the evil within and without the soul. They think that a state of buoyant hope and trust and belief that God is assuredly on their side, and will not let them be utterly cast down, is dangerous and presumptuous. They believe that the saving and uplifting power is something that they are to have in the future—of this they are confident—but that they may actually have it, and rejoice in it now, and be free with "the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free," even in this life, this they will hardly allow. Some are constitutionally doubters, and others doubt on principle. Confidence is called by these presumption, and faith, audacity.

Which of the two conditions above referred to, other things being equal, should be the most favorable for doing the Master's work here on earth? Will the doubting, fearing, hesitating spirit be the better able to go out from itself and its own narrow borders and do battle for the Lord in this hostile world, or the strong, trustful soul, "at leisure from itself," confident simply because God's promises are sure, and seeking only to know His will and do it, leaving all else to Him? Surely the latter is the best state for labor; and when God calls us to be His, and writes "His new name upon our foreheads," it is not that we may keep wondering and doubting whether it is really there or not, and trying to see it more clearly for ourselves, but that we should, with all the new power that He gives us, and all the new love with which He fills us, go forth to show by word and deed the blessed significance of this "new name." If we do this, with hearts fixed ever on Him, we shall have little time for anxious thought of ourselves or fear for our future.

Two years ago a pledge was made by representatives of the

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society that it would raise $50,000 during the next year. Many thought the pledge rash and presumptuous, and that it never could be fulfilled. It was a leap, certainly, from the $18,000 of the previous year; and there was no security for the future except that it was clearly God's work, and He had promised to bless it. No security except this! And what security that the world can give for a moment compares with it?

The sum of $51,226.52 came into this treasury of the Lord in that year. For the next year (the one just closed) no pledge was made, but the belief was strong with some that more would be raised than in the previous year. Then came the trouble in financial affairs all over the country; and many there were who said, "We shall feel this in our missionary work, we shall not do as well as we did last year." Well, it was felt, in that the increase was less than it would probably otherwise have been. But was the Lord going to let this work, done by faith in Him, really suffer or go down under the pressure? No; He was still with us, because we were still trying to do His work, in His name, and for His glory, and the record of the year in dollars and cents was $60,085.00.

And now what of the year just opening? Dim uncertainties, shadowy possibilities, unknown events, meet our searching look into the future. There seems no immediate prospect of brighter days than the present in the financial state of the country. The Foreign Board, though coming to the Assembly free from debt, are yet unable to see their way towards anything but retrenchment in their work, to avoid future embarrassment. Shall we, in view of all this, set our mark low, and neither aim at nor expect great things from God? Shall we let fear and distrust creep into our hearts, and establish themselves there, with regard to this work?

We cannot for a moment think this would be the mood in which the Master would have us labor for Him. The earthly master does not like to see his servants go about their toil with heavy step, downcast face, and ever and anon, a doubtful, fearful glance at him. No, he likes a steady, bright, up-

ward look, as they enter the field of toil, for then he knows that they will serve him to the utmost of their power, even if the day is long and the way rough.

Let us, then, thus serve our divine Master in this work of ours for the coming year. Let us set no limit to our efforts, except the ability that God will give us, not that which we expect now that He *may* grant, but that which He actually bestows from day to day, in answer to our prayers. Let us never lose sight of the fact, that it is His work, not ours; that He loves it far better than we do; that he means these women and children in darkness to be enlightened, and it is His wonderful goodness that permits us to be instruments in accomplishing this end. In glad response to this goodness, let us resolve, in the strength that our God will surely give, to do great things—to do such work in our own homes and circles of womanly influence, and above all, *in our closets*, that our power shall be felt mightily for this cause throughout all our churches and at all our mission stations. It is not impossible for us so to exert this God-given power, that by it the great body of church members shall be brought to the point which they should surely in this age reach, viz.: that of sustaining the Board of Foreign Missions in the full support and steady extension of this part of church work. Then will no longer be heard the cry of debt and retrenchment, but the glad call for many new laborers to enter at once upon all the new fields and enterprises to which the Master points the way.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Fourth Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be sent free to any who desire it, on application to Miss J. C. Thompson, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

The officers of the Society earnestly request that all members of auxiliaries, and especially the secretaries, will compare the number of members as given in the tabular statement of this part of the work, with the number of copies of *Woman's*

Work taken in each auxiliary. They hope that another year these numbers will be more nearly equal than they now appear —this table showing in many cases that less than *half* the members take the magazine. They regret that some auxiliaries which contributed last year sent no report. For this reason occur the blanks opposite their names.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING.

Once more the large assembly room of the Presbyterian House was filled, literally filled to overflowing. Our fourth anniversary attracted many co-laborers from other places, as well as from our own city, to rejoice together over the results of another year's effort. The record, as shown by the Annual Report, is one for which we cannot but be deeply, humbly thankful. Those who read it must feel, we think, with us who heard it read, that the words from its closing paragraph are eminently true: "If ever a society, bound together to do the Master's work, had reason to believe that He was with them in it, guiding, inspiring, encouraging, and blessing them at every step, we surely have such reason this day."

It was truly a privilege, as well as a pleasure, to hear the voices of so many of the band of workers abroad as were with us on that occasion. First, Miss Woodside, telling us just what we wanted to know of daily life in the Dehra school; then Mrs. John Newton, Jr., of Sabáthu, another station among the grand "hills" of India, giving us a glimpse of what had been accomplished in that part of the land.

Mrs. Capp, whose love for the Master led her, through sorrow and suffering, to do her part for Him, read a carefully prepared article on the work at Tungchow, China. Then followed Miss Loring, of Syria, contrasting the native schools where only the Koran is taught, with those of our mission there. Nor was our own continent without a representative. Miss Phillips, of Odanah, whose unremitting labors among the Indians are known to our readers, told us something of the great good emanating from that isolated mission household among the snows of Northern Wisconsin.

MYRRH-BEARERS.

BY MARGARET J. PRESTON.

(In ancient Greek Art, *The Marys* were called *Myrrhopheres*—Myrrh-Bearers.)

THREE women crept at break of day,
A-grope along the shadowy way,
Where Joseph's tomb and garden lay.

With deadly woe each face was white,
As the gray orient's waxing light
Brought back upon their awe-struck sight,

The sixth-day scene of anguish: Fast
The starkly-standing cross they passed,
And breathless, neared the gate at last.

Each on her sobbing bosom bore
A burden of such fragrant store,
As never there had lain before.

Spices the purest, richest, best,
That e'er the musky East possessed,
From Ind to Araby-the-Blest,—

Had they, with sorrow-riven hearts,
Searched all Jerusalem's costliest marts,
In quest of;—nards whose pungent arts

Should the dead sepulchre imbue
With vital odors through and through:
—'Twas all their love had leave to do!

Christ did not need their gifts: And yet
Did either Mary e'er regret
Her offering?—Did Salomè fret

Over the unused aloes?—Nay!
They counted not as waste, that day,
What they had brought their Lord:—the way

Home, seemed the path to Heaven! They bare,
Thenceforth, about the robes they ware,
The clinging perfume everywhere!

—So, minist'ring as once did these,
Go women forth by twos and threes,
(Unmindful of their morning ease),

Through heathen darkness, murk and dim,
Where now begins to dawn the rim
Of promise,—all for sake of Him,

Who rose from Joseph's tomb. *They* hold
It just such joy as those of old,
To tell the tale the Marys told.

Myrrh-Bearers still,—at home, abroad—
What paths have holy women trod,
Burdened with votive gifts for God!—

Rare gifts whose chiefest worth was priced
By this one thought that all sufficed,
—Their spices had been bruised for Christ!

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO MISS ELLA KUHL.

Among the passengers sailing from New York on May 23d, 1874, in the good ship South America, bound for Rio Janeiro, was a lady from a small town in New Jersey. She was entirely alone, as far as regards friends or acquaintances. Leaving all these behind her, she was going to a strange land, to be welcomed by strangers, and to enter upon work altogether new to her. Why did she thus go from home and kindred? Could she find nothing to do in her native land? Ah, yes; she had always been a worker in the church and neighborhood, where her lot had been cast. But she felt that there were enough who could not go from home to do the home work; and that she, because she *could* go, was bound to follow the voice which she heard calling her wherever it led her.

So on the evening of May 14th a large congregation of friends and associates assembled in the Presbyterian Church of Flemington, N. J., to bid farewell to this servant of Christ, Miss Ella Kuhl, who was going from among them to serve her Master in distant Brazil. There were tearful eyes and sad hearts at the thought of the coming parting; but the Master Himself was there, patient with the sorrow of those who wept, yet gently saying to them all the while, "He that loveth father or mother more than Me, is not worthy of Me." And in the

love of Christ, stronger than all other love, this disciple of His was calm and brave and trustful on that evening.

Dr. Ellinwood, of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Mr. Woodside, of India, made earnest addresses, and then Rev. Mr. Mott, pastor of the church, gave a solemn, tender charge to the departing missionary. A mission band connected with the church, presented her with a watch, that as time went on and thoughts of home and friends would sometimes come with sadness, the quiet little companion might tell her of their continued interest in and love for her.

Several members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society went up to attend this farewell meeting, and were most hospitably and delightfully entertained by the good people of Flemington. And now, by the time these words are read, Miss Kuhl will have reached her new home at Rio Claro, and the longing, lonely heart of Miss Dascomb will have welcomed, with great joy, this fellow-laborer in the Lord. Let these two faithful women be borne up in all their labors by the prayers of Christians in and about that quiet country home at Flemington, whose own missionary Miss Kuhl now is; by the members of the general Society, under whose care they both are, and by all who long for the reign of Christ to begin visibly in Brazil, and everywhere in this dark world.

PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY OF MAHONING, OHIO.

We regret that the report of this Society came too late for insertion in our Annual Report. It has been in existence only a year, yet has a record well worth reading. Its efforts have been directed chiefly to the work in Mexico, although some of the organizations under its care have labored for other mission fields. The Society began with five auxiliaries, and closed the year with eight. The sum of $462 was collected, and a great increase in the number of subscribers to *Woman's Work* reported. Such a beginning certainly gives promise of large results in the future.

The officers are: President, Mrs. H. B. Fry, Salem, Ohio; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. B. Maxwell, Leetonia, and Mrs. S. D.

Taylor, Newton Falls; Recording Secretary, Miss M. T. Dickinson, Salem; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. M. Backus, Warren; Treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Newton, Canfield.

A STRING OF GOLD BEADS.

Rev. Dr. Wilder, of Kolapoor, writes:

"Shortly before leaving America for India in 1870, after giving a missionary address one night in a town in Western New York, I left early the next morning, and as I was entering the railroad cars a letter was placed in my hand by a stranger. I was off at once, no time for words. On opening the letter I found a string of *gold beads* and the following statement, viz.: 'The inclosed beads were my mother's, purchased long years ago by the labor of her own hands. I know, at least feel sure, that could she speak to me this morning from her home in glory, she would say, "Give them to the Lord, Eliza Ann." Please take them, and use as best you can.'"

These beads are in the hands of Mrs. J. D. McCord, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, to be disposed of for the Kolapoor Mission.

ABOUT SENDING MONEY.

The Treasurer requests that auxiliaries and bands make their payments to the treasury of the Society *not oftener* than quarterly; a *semi-annual* or *annual* remittance is preferred. If the amount is not a large one, send it *annually*.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

AUXILIARIES.

Mt. Auburn Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.
New Lisbon, Ohio.
Emmittsburg, Md.
Stewartstown, Pa.
Memorial Church, Wilkesbarre. Pa.
Nineveh, N. Y.
High St. Ch., Newark, N. J.
Fifth Ch., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Chester Cross Roads, Ohio.

BANDS.

Mizpah Band, Arch St. Church, Phila.
Immanuel Ch. Sunday-school, Phila.
The Gleaners, Flemington, N. J.
Sunday-school, Williamsburg, Pa.
J. L. McKee Band, 2d Ch., Danville, Ky.
Miss. Band, Warrior's Mark, Pa.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. D. A. Garrish,
Mrs. M. J. Powers,
Miss Elizabeth McCoy,
Mrs. Thomas E. Ashmead,
Mrs. Thomas Fobes,
Miss Sarah McPherson,
Mr. Montgomery L. Frederick,
Mrs Theodore Lewis,
Miss L. Livinsetter,
Miss Eliza Smith,
Mrs. D. S. Jones,
Mrs. M. D. Bracken,
Mrs. M. S. Donaldson,
E. O. Emerson, Esq.,
Mrs. C. A McNair,
Mrs. E De Witt,
Miss Mary S Redick,
Mrs. L. J. Norcross,
Mrs. Henry Monger,
Mrs. Dr. Wm. Speer,
Mrs. A. M. Fahnestock,
Mr. William Moore,
Miss Mary Applegit,
Rev. J. S. Woodburn,
Mrs J. S. Woodburn.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from April 10th to April 30th, 1874.

Immanuel Ch., Phila., Mrs. Bedlock, $1; Miss Emily Bedlock, $1.	$2 00
Miss Sarah McPherson; Gettysburg, Pa., Woodstock,	25 00
1st Ch., Belvidere, N. J., S. S., for Miss Bella Nassau, *special*,	28 75
Shippensburg Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Dennis, Syria,	158 00
1st and 2d Chs, Cedarville, N. J, Aux. Soc.,	16 50
Ringoes Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc.,	15 30
West Chester Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. F. A. Wood, $70; Inf. sch., sup. Mrs. F. A. Wood, $20; "Willing Hands," sup. Hattie, Gaboon, $23,	113 00
Kittanning Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Eckard,	70 00
West Summit Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc.,	25 00
West Chester Ch., Pa., "Willing Hands," sup. Miriam Asad, Sidon sch., *gold*,	50 00
Cedar Grove, Terre Hill, Pa., Aux. Soc., Woodstock,	15 00
Mrs. Alonzo Banks, Horseheads, N. Y., sup. pupil, Africa,	5 00
Hackettstown Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., add'l sup. a Bible-reader,	10 00
Nellie Jane Cunningham, Cardville, Pa.,	1 35
Chambers Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., additional,	$2 25
Strongsville Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc.,	21 00
Old Ch., Steubenville, Ohio, Aux. Soc.,	15 00
Bricksburg Ch., N. J., Miss. Band S. S, sup. pupil in Syria,	11 28
Williamsport Ch., Md., Aux. Soc., sup. pupil in Mrs. Capp's sch.,	28 00
Dickinson Ch., Pa., Star of Hope Band,	53 00
1st Ch., Sparta, N. Y., Aux. Soc., for Miss Jewett's sch.,	20 00
Walnut St. Ch., Phila., S. S., sup. Layah Aytoun, Beirut,	113 50
Plainfield Aux, sup. Mrs. Kellogg, $80.93; for Woodstock, $96.17,	177 10
1st Ch., Freehold, N. J., Aux. Soc.,	54 45
Cadiz, O., Aux. Soc., four scholarships in Canton, China,	136 20
Beech Spring Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc.,	17 00
1st Ch., Steubenville, O., Aux. Soc.,	87 00
2d Ch., Cleveland, O., S. S., scholarship Miss Allen's sch., Mexico, $100; Mrs. Alexander's sch., Mynpurie, $30; Miss., Canton, China, $100,	230 00
W. F. M. S., Presbytery of Cleveland, Ohio: Collamer	

Ch., $13.50; Newburgh Ch., $10.43; Solon Ch., $6.75; Hudson Ch., $2.95; Mrs. De Witt, Elyria, O., $26; Mrs. Skinner, Cleveland, $1, $60 63

Baltimore, Md., Mrs. W. W. Spencer, $50; Mrs. W. B. Canfield, $20; Mrs. Purviance, $5; through Mrs. Jones, sup. Miss Thiede, . 75 00

Bloomingburg Ch., O., Aux. Soc., ... 60 00

Princeton Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., for Mrs. Whipple, . 100 00

Cohocksink Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Calderwood, $32; Wm. Hogg, sup. village sch., Kanah, Syria, $75, 107 00

Elder's Ridge Ch., Pa., by Mrs. M. D Bracken, . . . 50 00

3d Ch., Cincinnati, O., Miss M. R. Harkin's S. S. class, sup. scholar under Mrs. Calderwood, ... 10 00

Mrs. Anna Van Horn, Newtown, Pa., Woodstock, . 2 00

1st Ch., Germantown, Aux. Soc., organ for Miss Gamble, Japan, $140.15; freight on same, $69.38, . . . 209 53

West Spruce St. Ch., Phila., infant sch., for Mrs. Nevius's special work, . . 20 00

Sweden Ch., N. Y., Aux. Soc., for Mrs. Morrison's sch., Ningpo, ... 20 00

10th Ch., Phila., Mrs. Henry Biddle, ... 10 00

Shickshinny Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., add'l, . . . 3 90

Savannah Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., for Miss Park's sch., Yeddo, 32 00

"A Friend of Woman's Work," Erie, Pa., ... 6 00

Bethlehem Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., Syrian Miss., . . 50 00

1st Ch., Cranbury, N. J., Aux. Soc., sup. Baldeo in Mrs. Alexander's school, . . 60 00

Lancaster Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Bible-reader in China, . 50 00

Miss Chaplain, Clifton Springs Sanitarium, N. Y., . . 2 00

Bethany Ch., Phila., infant sch., sup. pupil in Dehra, . 50 00

Upper Octorara Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Wherry, . 100 00

Livonia Ch., N. Y, Aux. Soc., sup. scholarship in Miss Allen's sch., Mexico, . . 14 00

Salem Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., Mexico, $30.00; infant sch., Mexico, $5.00, . . . $35 00

Clarksville Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. sch. under Mrs. Wyckoff, ... 22 75

Hanover Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., sup. Twelfth St. sch., Canton, China. 150 00

1st Ch., Belvidere, N. J., Aux. Soc., ... 46 00

Shelby Ch., Ohio. Aux. Soc., sup. Bible-reader in Canton, 60 00

Mrs. Julia Pabody, Vernon, Ind., Woodstock, . . 5 00

West Spruce St. Ch., Phila., Mrs. Geo. Junkin, Woodst'k, 25 00

Clinton Ch., N. J., "Helping Hands," . . . 11 75

Caledonia Ch., N. Y., Aux. Soc., scholarship Sidon sch., $42 93; Miss. Band, Shepherd's Lambs, $5, . . 47 93

Port Penn Ch., Del., Aux. Soc., 40 00

Chestnut Grove Ch., Ind., Aux. Soc., Mexico., . . . 22 00

Titusville Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Wyckoff, . . 25 00

West Spruce St., Ch., Phila., Band of Love, for Rev. G. F. Dale's special work, . 15 00

Miss E. L. B. Howe, Bricksburg, N. J., . . . 1 00

Clayton Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., Woodstock, $25.50; infant class, Busy Bees, $4.50, . 30 00

Walnut Hills Ch., Cincinnati, Aux. Soc., sup. Miss Allen, Mexico, ... 150 00

"Cash," to sup. Mrs. De Heer's assistant, ... 25 00

1st Ch., Baltimore, Young Ladies' Bible Class, through Miss Bond, to sup. two pupils in Mrs. Alexander's sch., . 60 00

Colored Bible Cl., Chestnut Hill, Phila., to educate pupil in Gaboon, ... 7 10

Wooster Ch., Ohio, Helping Band and Good Intent Band of S. S., Miss Allen's sch., Mexico, ... 22 00

Miss Mary B. Evans, West Phila., Mrs. Wilder's sch., . 1 00

Mrs. Dr. Davidson, Phila., . 2 00

2d Ch., Sparta, N.Y., Aux. Soc., 28 00

York Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. native teacher, Syria, and Mrs. Tsin, in Mrs. Morrison's sch., China, . . . 150 00

2d Ch., Cranbury, N. J., Aux. Soc.,	$86 35
Mrs. Geo. Hench, Centre, Pa., Woodstock,	5 00
Pluckemin Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc.,	8 00
Dorcas Sewing Soc., Morristown, N. Y.,	11 00
1st Ch., Pittsburg, Pa., "Alexander Band," sup. Mrs. Alexander,	20 00
Chestnut Level Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., Woodstock,	31 00
1st Ch., Williamsport, Pa., Aux. Soc.,	57 00
Shippensburg Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Dennis,	42 00
"A Friend," Woodstock,	2 00
4th Ch., Trenton, N. J., Aux. Soc., 2d quarterly payment salary of Mrs. Holcombe,	$113 00
1st Ch., Reading, Pa., E. J. Richards Soc.,	62 00
Woodland Av. Ch., Cleveland, O., Sarah Adams Mem. Band, to sup. native teacher under Mrs. Wyckoff,	50 00
Washingtonville Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc.,	21 00
Ashland Ch., Pa., Female Mite Soc.,	3 14
1st Ch. Orange, N. J., half-year's sal. for Miss Crouch,	200 00
Greencastle Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., by Mrs. E. Brown, for Woodstock,	13 00
	$4,298.76

Total receipts for the year ending May 1st, 1874, ... $60,053 00

MRS. J. D. MCCORD, *Treasurer*,
1334 Chestnut St.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1st, 1874.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from May 1st, 1874.

Miss Martha Morris, Phila.,	$2 00
Ellicott City Ch., Md., Aux. Soc. for Mrs. Nevius's special work,	35 00
Ewing Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc. sup. teacher in Mrs. Wyckoff's sch., *gold*,	50 00
Woodbury Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc.,	8 50
M. D. Garrigues, Woodbury, N. J.,	5 00
2d Ch., Belvidere, Aux. Soc.,	50 00
1st Ch., Sparta, N. Y., Aux. Soc.,	5 00
Plattsburg Ch., N. J., for zenana work,	13 00
Dunellen Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., sch'ship Mrs. Bushnell's sch.,	20 00
Mrs. M. S. Donaldson, Elder's Ridge, Pa., for Persian Miss.,	2 00
Clinton Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., Woodstock,	16 90
Wilkesbarre Ch., Pa., Mrs. Loop's Miss. Band, sup. pupil Mrs. Wilder's sch.,	18 00
Findley Ch., O., Lilies of the Field, Woodstock,	10 00
A Friend, Milwaukee, Wis., chapel at Jedaide,	1 00
Arch St. Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., Miss Walsh, *gold*,	100 00
Central Ch., Summit, N. J., Summit Miss. Band, sup. pupil in Miss Walsh's sch.,	$20 00
Elder's Ridge Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc.,	25 50
1st Ch., Hoboken, N. J., Aux. Soc., sup. teach. in Sidon sch.,	56 75
Prospect Av. Ch., Jersey City Heights, N. J., Aux. Soc.,	17 50
Tarentum Ch., Pa., Band of Pearls, sup. scholarship Mynpurie,	10 00
"C," Flemington, N. J., chapel Jedaide,	2 00
2d Ch., Phila., Star of the East Band, sup. pupil Sidon, *gold*,	40 00
2d Ch., Meadville, Pa., Aux. Soc., $28.20; S. S., bal. sup. sch. under Mrs. Wyckoff, $14.34,	42 54
1st Ch., Newark, N. J., Stearns Mem. Band and Young Ladies' Band, sup. 2 pupils Sidon sch., $100; bal. sup. three sch. Syria, $115,	215 00
Madison Av., Corbin Miss. S. S., Elizabeth, N. J., sup. teach. under Mrs. Wherry, Lodiana,	24 00
Tenafly Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc.,	

sup. native teach., Dehra, quarterly payment,	$25 00
Springfield Ch., Mo., Aux. Soc., debt of Board,	25 00
Gallagherville S. S., Chester Co., Pa., Mynpurie,	6 00
1st Ch., Orange, N. J., Aux. Soc., special for Miss Crouch,	50 00
1st Ch., N. Lib., Phila., Inf. Band Little Gleaners, sup. pupil in Mrs. Wilder's sch., $32; Woodstock, $5; S. J. Mee, Woodstock, $1,	38 00
Central Ch., Orange, N. J., Aux. Soc., 1st pay., sup. Mrs. McGilvary, Siam,	100 00
1st Ch., St. Clairsville, O., Aux. Soc.,	23 00
Miss Mary L. Cort, Denver, Col., chapel Jedaide,	1 00
Ellicott City Ch., Md., Aux. Soc., for Mrs. Nevius, spec'l,	30 00
Ashtabula Ch., O., Aux. Soc.,	12 00
Saltsburg Ch., Pa., Nancy J. Rhea S. S. cl., scholarship, Gaboon,	25 00
Wayne Ch., Golden Corners, Ohio, Aux. Soc., add.,	5 00
North Ch., Phila., S. S. No. 2, sup. Sarah Domingo, Dehra, $15; sup. pupil Oroomiah, $7.50,	22 50
1st Ch., Orange, N. J., Aux. Soc., *gold*, prem. on $400, salary of Miss Crouch,	50 00
1st Ch., Cincinnati, Aux. Soc., 6 mo. sup. Mrs. Phillips, *gold*,	200 00
Mansfield Ch., O., S. S. sup. sch. Canton under Miss Hattie Noyes,	160 00
Wyckoff's Mills S. S., N. J., paid to W. Rankin, Treas.,	6 00
1st Ch., Germantown, Aux. Soc., sup. Miss Gamble,	150 00
W. F. M. S, Presbytery of Cleveland: Mem. Ch., Cleveland, Aux. Soc., $65.50; Hudson Ch. Aux. Soc., $20; Willoughby Ch. Aux. Soc, $14.10,	$99 60
Warren Ch., O., Aux. Soc., sup. pupil at Shimlan,	45 00
Walnut St. Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., spec. for Miss Jackson,	132 00
Green Hill Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., sup. Lydia Walker,	44 00
West Arch St. Ch., Phila., by Mrs. S. Hood, for zenanas,	10 00
Chatham Ch., N. Y., Aux. Soc., sup. two pupils in Miss Walsh's sch.,	95 00
1st Ch., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Willing Workers, sup. pupil in Sidon sch., and one in Persia,	85 00
1st Ch., Jersey City, Aux. Soc., *gold*, exchange on $300, sup. Mrs. Carrington, Siam,	30 00
Mrs. Fanny G. Lewis, Honey Brook, Pa., $25; "Help," Honey Brook, Pa., $25, work in Syria,	50 00
2d Ch., Columbus, O., Aux. Soc.,	30 00
"M. S.," Plainfield, Ohio,	2 50
Mrs. Mary G. Pigeon, East Derry, N. H., Woodstock,	2 00
Two little sisters, Marie and Mettie, Roysfield, N. J., for Bibles for heathen children,	1 00
"Thank Offering,"	14 35
5th Ch., Cincinnati, O., Miss. Circle, $25; Mrs. Robert Brown to sup. Bible-reader, India, $25,	50 00
	$2408 64
Box from Terre Hill, Pa., for Dehra school, value $26.70. Orphans' Offering, 26 handkerchiefs.	

PHILADELPHIA, June 1st, 1874.

MRS. J. D. MCCORD, *Treasurer*,
1334 Chestnut Street.

Our Little Workers.

LILIES OF THE VALLEY.

BY M. J. AGNEW.

Written for the Mission Band "Lilies of the Valley."

A Lily of the Valley!
  Oh, may my nature be
As pure, and sweet, and lovely
  As that dear flower to me!

A Lily in the garden
  Of Jesus Christ, my Lord!
May I obtain His pardon,
  And trust Him for His word!

A Lily that will blossom,
  And give out sweet perfume,
In thought, and word, and action,
  Like loveliest flowers in June.

A Lily that will ever
  Be humble, modest, mild;
A ready, willing worker—
  Yes, Jesus' loving child.

Ye Lilies of the Valley!
  From out your sweet, white bells,
Ring music then to rally
  The children from the dells;

To work with you for Jesus,
  And send the blessed news,
That Jesus died to save us
  From all our earthly woes!

GREENCASTLE, PA.

TO THE GOLDEN CHAIN BAND.

A Letter from Miss Jackson.

My dear Girls: You will think the time very long before hearing from your box of pretty things, so I am going to write

you by the first mail to let you know how very much pleased we are with the things. The package arrived New Year's eve; I was not at home when it was brought to the Seminary, so the girls kept it until after tea, when one of them, thinking to surprise me with a package from home, laid it in my lap. I tore off the wrappings quickly and took a peep; as soon as I saw the bright ribbons I knew it was not for me, but the dear girls. Miss Everett and I were very glad, for we had been wondering all day what we could do for a little surprise for the eight girls who were with us. It is vacation now, and all the girls have gone to their homes, except eight. Some of these have no homes, no one to love them or care whether they have a pleasant time or not. We had already bought a new hair ribbon for each, also a book and some candy. From your box we took a little bow and needle-book for each one. We did each article up separately and put them on the breakfast table. You should have seen their bright faces when they discovered their presents, and heard their hearty thanks when they found that some of them were from you.

They said, "May every year find you in peace!" This is their New Year's greeting. They thank you, and we thank you very much indeed, and pray that God may bless your band and help you to make many hearts glad. It is indeed far more blessed to give than to receive. A very little gift makes these poor children happy. I know you are all anxious to learn what we intend to do with the dolls, pincushions, tea-sets, and the rest of the ribbons and pretty books and book-marks, all of which are very nice. We shall keep them until next Christmas to help towards a tree for our little girls.

We have in one department of our school forty-five children from five to ten years old; some are very poor indeed, have miserable homes and wicked parents; others have Christian parents, but are very poor; only a few have pleasant homes or know anything of playthings; some of them never had a doll in their life. We wanted to do something this year for the pleasure of these little ones, but did not feel able. The teacher of this department prepared a little tree on her own responsi-

bility, and her efforts to get something to put on it were quite touching. The tapers and flowers were given her by some friends, she had a cake for each, and a few little trifles for the older girls, such as a bit of ribbon for a book-mark, a carved nutshell, or an old paper flower. She taught them that they must not only receive, but give to others. They patched some little pieces of muslin together for dusters for each one of us. You should have seen their joy when our names were called and we walked up to get our presents! I don't know of anything that ever gave me so much pleasure as this duster. I resolved too, if I should live until another Christmas, to do something for these dear little ones. Perhaps you would like to do something more towards this tree. If you do we shall be very grateful, only please send your package to the Rooms a little earlier, in order to have it reach me in time.

THE GIRLS.

We have some very dear girls in school. In this department are about fifty-two, most of whom are between twelve and sixteen years of age. They are very bright, and learn just as fast as girls of the same age at home. Some study English, and are learning to speak it very well. We have not quite so much trouble now to keep them until they finish the prescribed course of study as formerly. Our girls do not marry quite so young, though there is not much hope of their ever being married after they are twenty years old. I wish you could see our girls; there are some very earnest Christians among them. They are not satisfied to sit with folded hands, but they labor and pray for their companions. They have a prayer meeting every Friday P.M., and every girl who has given her heart to the Saviour attends and takes part in the meeting. These meetings are very interesting indeed, and are a great help to these young Christians. Some of these dear girls are much persecuted by their own parents because they are Christians. I could tell you some very sad stories about a few of them if I had time, but if I send this in to-day's mail I must close.

THE "HELPING HANDS OF MEXICO."

By Miss E. P. Allen.

Yes, away off here is a small club that calls itself the "Helping Hands." Some idle wind must have borne a stray seed down this way when we slept and did not see it; for one fine morning there was the green little plant with its head quite above ground, and the little plant addressed itself to fruit-bearing. As a first effort it raised one hundred Gospels for Vera Cruz, then it undertook to clothe the poor. Last week it was found that the money in the treasury would go a good way towards buying a pair of shoes for the four-year-old *protégé* of the Helping Hands.

A bright-eyed girl of ten was selected at the club meeting to go with the teacher to select the shoes. That girl did not let the sun get up much before her the next morning. She was at school an hour before time. Her younger sister went with us; they were as happy as possible. Their delight was still greater when the shoes reached the school-room. They took Chipilinga into the dressing-room and seated her on the empty box that had shortly before brought our long-desired books. They took off the ragged pair that scarcely held together over the peeping toes and put on the new pair, then each one kissed and hugged her. They were tasting the pleasure of an unselfish action, and how they loved the complacent little object of their kindness! Brown-eyed Chipilinga trotted out in a state of high admiration of her new treasure, and showed them to her less favored companions. The "Helping Hands" will raise enough to clothe the little woman for the year; they have agreed to earn it all themselves.

Look at page 105, dear little workers; you have a share in that picture. That is the Woodstock which some of you have worked for, and where many children of our missionaries will find a cool, pleasant home.

W. P. B. M.

Northwestern Department.

EDITED BY

THE SECRETARIES OF THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE NORTHWEST.

FRANKLIN, INDIANA.

I HAVE to say that the missionary convention recently held in our church was a most delightful season of refreshing, from the opening prayer to the closing doxology. The results of the meeting will never cease, and are now very marked in the deepened interest in the Woman's Work.

On the afternoon of the second day of the convention a scene occurred which I wish it were possible to spread before you with my pen. I can only give you a glance at that which to us present was a joy and beauty. Mrs. Rhea had touched our hearts in her addresses of the previous evening and of that morning.

It was proposed that she should rest in the afternoon by taking her place on the platform and permitting us to ask her questions about this great work. This informal sort of meeting was preceded by a prayer meeting of thirty minutes. At the close of the prayer meeting, just before Mrs. Rhea went to the platform as leader of the meeting, I proposed a brief question or two. Called upon an elder from a neighboring church to reply to the question, "Are we doing all we ought to do for missions?" He replied, "No." The audience then asked, "How can we do our duty to this cause?" A moment passed, and no reply. I was about to ask one of the ladies to answer the question, when an old gentleman occupying the front seat, a bricklayer by trade, came to his feet. We waited for his solution of the

difficulty. He said not a word, but with a business air brought his pocket-book from the deepest pocket, and stood there silently untying, unfolding, searching for the answer to my question. Having found the answer,—a *new* ten-dollar bill "without blemish,"—he laid it on the open Bible before him on the stand, and took his seat without a word. It seemed to us that God had spoken to us from heaven. We were thrilled by the beautiful answer given by this plain laboring man.

"Others have an answer to this great question of the hour," said I. "Brethren, sisters, answer the question." I proposed to sing "Hold up the Cross," while the people answered. Then began a movement in the congregation. One came with his money; another whose answer was in bank, quickly filled out his check, or sent his name for the amount of his contribution; sisters joined with the brethren, and actually *spoke out in meeting* without asking their husbands at home,—spoke in this effectual way. Still the money came, the answer grew and was constantly dropped into the open Bible. Little children from the farthest part of the audience came with their parents' money, and tiptoeing at the stand, laid down their offerings. You may as well be informed that the singing "got on" slowly. The fact was, when we saw the people laying their gifts at the feet of Jesus, our eyesight failed, and there came up some emotions too deep for modulation in even the simplest melody. Still the people continued to give. As the last contributions came in, one pocket-book, whose owner perhaps thought it did not contain enough to be divided, was laid down among the gifts. The audience wept and gave, and gave and wept, and when the giving was completed all joined in one prayer, feeling that now we could pray in faith for the cause of missions.

Mrs. Rhea, who sat witnessing the scene with such tears and emotions as only a missionary can feel who has learned the sweetness of sacrifice, followed in a beautiful improvement of the blessing which we had just received in this service. It was meet that the open Bible, which told us the story of the wise men who brought their gifts to the feet of the infant Jesus, should receive this precious offering.

But the spirit of that scene did not take its departure with the closing exercises of the convention. After the sisters had returned to their homes, while Mrs. Rhea was on her way to the meeting at Battle Creek, Mich., our ladies went out into the streets to glean for the cause of missions, and added yet other contributions to those already given.

Yours, S. E. W.

P. S.—I must not omit to say that the beloved pastor of the Baptist Church was among the first to bring his offering forward in the giving meeting, and the brother who gave the first answer is not a Presbyterian, yet a brother.

TWO DOLLARS FROM LITTLE BERTIE OF DETROIT.

The contents of his money-box, which was to go into the bank, but the presence in his home of a dear old lady, attending the "Board" meeting, so interested him in the cause that he would rather give his money to missions "than be a rich man with money in the bank."

May this gift be a prophetic token of his future life, and his treasure be laid up "where thieves break not through nor steal!"

A FEW THOUGHTS FOR THIS TIME.

We have come, in the progress of events, to an important period in the history of our church. We are reunited and reconstructed. A great memorial fund has been raised by which debts have been paid off, new churches built, and old ones repaired. In a score of ways we have been put into the very best working order. We are rich in men of great ability, and rich materially. We are strong every way.

And yet, at this very time, there is contemplated an act so suicidal to the church, so inglorious in its cause, that shame should mantle every cheek. Do you ask what can it be, this suicidal, this inglorious act? What is it which should make us thus ashamed?

We answer in a word, it is retrenchment in missions. The fearful cloud bearing this burden has long been gathering on our horizon. The answer of the prayers of our fathers has opened the world to missions, and our Assembly's Board, obeying the leading of God in the advancing pillar of His providence, has gone forward enlarging its operations, occupying new fields and sending more men. Could it have done less and been guiltless? But the church has not furnished supplies adequate to sustain the army. A debt has gathered and retrenchment is pending.

Oh, what anguish gathers at the heart of the missionary as he thinks of the labor of years thrown away for the want of money! hopes crushed for the want of money! The longing, eager look of some heathen soul, who has just heard of a Saviour from sin, met by a wave, which says, "Go back, we can tell you no more of this Jesus. Go back to your idols." Must all this come for want of money? And is it really the case that there is no money?

Look at our churches, our houses, our furniture, our tables, our dress, our equipage, all the appointments of social life, and tell us if there is not plenty of money! Oh, women of the Presbyterian Church, is it not true in plain English words that there is money, but that we *want it for ourselves?* Are we not clothed in purple and fine linen and faring sumptuously every day, while we give but the crumbs to the mission cause?

Oh, for a new style of living drawn from the life of our great Teacher! He became poor that we might be rich. Were we willing to follow Him, were we willing to deny ourselves the great expenditure of money even in the one article of dress, I do firmly believe that money enough might be furnished, by the sacrifice, to send the Gospel to every creature in two years.

Now we cannot think that this applies equally to all. We know that there are gifts, large gifts out of very deep poverty, making the giver rich beyond all human estimate.

Let us all take to our hearts the question, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" L. A. M.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Of the Second Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, pledge $36 to pay the salary of Miss Jewett's gatekeeper, and the Sunday-school of the same church have raised $8 to defray the expense incurred for books in the library at Tabriz.

Dubuque, Iowa, gives $70 towards Miss Jewett's rent.

Who will further diminish the list of Miss Jewett's expenses given in *Woman's Work* for March?

REPORT OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS,

Held in Detroit, April 8th and 9th, 1874.

The meeting was opened by singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," followed by reading the second Psalm, and Matthew, twentieth chapter; prayer by Mrs. Lyon of Detroit. Warm words of welcome from Mrs. Hoge, the President, brought the audience into sympathy with herself personally and with the objects of the convention, to obtain a broader view of the mission work and of our responsibility. Woman is the God-ordained leader, the mother of the race, the educator, recruiting the Church from Christian households. Individuality is now put upon us. It has been a new conversion; none so hard to convert to their real work as women, especially Presbyterian women. This meeting is the result of this conversion; its key-note, Mary's song, "My soul doth magnify the Lord . . . for He hath done to me great things." He *is* here, and "His banner over us is love!"

The audience joined in singing the missionary hymn.

Mrs. T. Moore and Miss Carrie Weed were appointed secretaries, and proceeded to the enrolment of delegates, during which all joined in singing "Rock of Ages."

Committee on Nomination of Officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Pomeroy, of Ohio; Mitchell, of Illinois; Tindall, of Michigan; Brown, of Wisconsin; Ely, alternate Miss Weed, of Iowa.

Committee on Revision of Constitution: Mrs. Lyon, of

Michigan; Keep, of Illinois; Hutchinson, of Indiana; Ely, alternate Miss Weed, of Iowa; Brown, of Wisconsin, and Kerr, of Ohio.

Committee on Time and Place of Meeting: Mrs. Walker, of Michigan; Raymond, of Ohio.

Reports from other bodies.—Mrs. Hubbel, of Ann Arbor, from the W. B. M. I., presented the congratulations of her Board.

Mrs. Van Husen, of the Baptist Board, extended the sympathy of her organization, and rejoiced at the success of the Woman's Societies of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Blades, in behalf of the Methodist Society, and Mrs. Dr. Eddy, in behalf of the Union Missionary Society, made brief addresses of thrilling interest. The latter society is the mother of all the woman's missionary societies.

A paper from Mrs. Montgomery, of Ionia, Mich., "A Few Thoughts for the Times," was read by the President, and will appear in *Woman's Work*.

The convention then took a recess until 2 P.M., meanwhile retiring to the parlors of the church, where a graceful and abundant lunch was in readiness.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was opened at 2 o'clock with "When shall the voice of singing," followed with prayer by Mrs. Brown, of Wisconsin. A letter from Rev. Mr. Wishard, of Indiana, was read, detailing in highly picturesque and impressive words the Christian enthusiasm and the financial results of a missionary convention; also a letter from Mrs. Rhea on "The Topics of the Hour," Revivals, Temperance, and Foreign Missions, which was directed to be printed.

The report of Mrs. Laflin, Home Corresponding Secretary, was read by Mrs. Walker.

A paper, by Mrs. Mead Holmes, of Rockford, Ill., on "Our Great Work and the Manner of its Accomplishment," was read, and requested for publication.

Mrs. Keep, Foreign Corresponding Secretary, presented her report.

The President, referring to "systematic giving," presented the workings of an organization in Evanston, Ill., each member being provided with a set of twelve envelopes, one being collected every month, with the amount of monthly donation. In this church of one hundred and fifty members, none of them wealthy, eight hundred dollars were given last year. She reiterated with emphasis that by proper organization and systematic giving, the women of the Northwest can raise fifty thousand dollars per year instead of twenty-five thousand as at present. Give the small sums. The Ohio River, at times, is not navigable—why? The small streams are dry. Give, till giving becomes a means of grace.

Miss Weed, quoting from a paper read, said, "And why not the boys?" She was glad to know that boys were helpers in this work of giving. In many Sunday-schools were classes of boys doing a good work.

Mrs. Lyon wished the children could earn their money, and read a list of the many ways by which it could be done.

An invitation was extended by Mrs. G. S. Frost to a reunion after the evening service.

Adjourned until to-morrow, 10 A.M.

In the evening, Rev. Arthur Mitchell delivered a very interesting and instructive sermon on the success of missions, which was listened to with rapt interest by a highly appreciative audience. His statements were startling, and proved missions a palpable success.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The second day's session commenced at 10 A.M. Prayer by Mrs. Heinman, of Battle Creek. Minutes of yesterday read and accepted. Reports from auxiliaries were read by States, Michigan taking the lead, but these were soon suspended for want of time. Delegates came forward with brief statements of work done. Bands of Little Gleaners, Mite Helpers, &c., were represented by young ladies having charge of them. Little girls from the nurseries of the church came forward and read the records of their work and their hopes. A vote of thanks was given to the young for coming forward thus to the

front, and as by one impulse, the whole audience rose in thanks to God, and tears and silent prayers accompanied audible petitions that these youthful workers, these olive plants from the Lord's vineyard, might grow up to be pillars in His holy temple.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Mrs. Lyon, from the Committee on Constitution, reported no present necessity for changing the constitution, but suggested that the Board recommend Presbyterial organization. The results would be happy, a holy emulation, greater sympathy uniting hearts in love and faith and self-sacrifice. Report adopted.

Committee on Nomination reported, and the report adopted.

Committee on Time and Place reported that these annual meetings go from State to State; that Milwaukee be the place of the next Annual Meeting, and the time, the first Wednesday in April, 1875.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Delegates were chosen to the Woman's Board at the meeting of the General Assembly at St. Louis in May. Vacancies to be filled by the Managers of the Board.

On motion, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies of Detroit for the very kind and hospitable manner in which the delegates had been entertained. Thanks to Rev. Mr. Pierson, pastor of the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, for his kindly words and generous assistance in various ways, and to Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Chicago, for his able address on Foreign Missions, also to the reporters for their generous and praiseworthy reports.

Committee on *Woman's Work* reported a recommendation that it be published monthly, and that delegates pledge themselves to increase its circulation, and also to furnish original articles for its columns. The report was adopted, and fifty or more gave the pledge.

The President remarked that the $25,000 assigned by the General Assembly to this Board, and upon the receipt of which plans for mission work had been laid, was by no means reached,

and suggested that this might be a fitting time to prove faith by works. And with a rush came the free-will offerings from all parts of the room. First a line inclosing $25, then another, and another, till in one broad wave of charity, the gifts and pledges had reached $1200. But there were treasures choicer yet, cherished memorials of the living and the dead, which found their way to the feet of Jesus, till at length the children caught the enthusiasm, and wishing to join in the strewing of "the palm branches" and in the "Hosannas," poured out from their tiny banks their little offerings, and while we sang, "Oh, we are the reapers," they gathered up the fragments which remained, bringing back in their baskets more than $60! Voiceless prayers for God's blessing on these gifts—this consecration—went up like the fragrance of incense upon the altar before the Holy of Holies. When the strong, clear wave of giving had passed it was found that the sands were richer by nearly $1500, and our hearts by "the loan we had given to the Lord."

Mrs. Tindall, of Ypsilanti, then read a paper on "Training of Youth in Missionary Work," which is to be published in tract form.

Mrs. Hoge now opened the Mother's Meeting by reading Samuel, 1st chapter; and such prayers and speeches as fell from the lips of mothers there, it is seldom the privilege of one to hear.

But the hour of parting had come. Let us bear to our homes this sweet and heavenly communion; let us go in its strength forty days and forty nights; indeed, as we come down from this mount of Transfiguration, this baptism of the Holy Spirit, may we see only Jesus and be radiant in His light. We shall meet yonder; and the memory of this meeting will be sweet even there. The prayers offered this hour shall be answered in precious blessings upon the sons and daughters consecrated here, and shall bless the nations too; for "the heathen shall be given to Christ for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession." With a prayer and benediction closed the Third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions.

IN MEMORIAM.

A PRECIOUS legacy of $430 came to our treasury a few days ago, through the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of White Pigeon, Michigan.

Mrs. Eliza Ferguson, the donor, fully rounded out her life-work in making this last gift. "This, like all her benevolent deeds, was done in a modest—I may say *secret*—way, unknown to all except those whose assistance she needed in making the bestowal." The busy hands are folded, the prayerful lips are sealed, the loving spirit gathered into the upper fold. Her unassuming life forbids our words. Many a redeemed soul will acknowledge her as their benefactor. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for their works do follow them." "Though dead, she yet speaketh."

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. J. H. Brown,
Mrs. John C. Hill,
Mrs. Chas. A. Williams,
Mrs. T. C. Easton,
Mrs. Sydney Avery,
Mrs. Wm. C. Dickinson,
Mrs. E. M. Weaver,
Mrs. C. L. A. Tankard,
Miss Jennie Johnson,
Mrs. Rev. Jeremiah Porter,
Mrs. Rev. D. L. Johnson,
Mrs. L. H. Reid,
Mrs. M. C Woodruff,
Mrs. George Ordway,
Mrs. Alanson Shely,
Miss C. Woodruff,
Miss Hattie Powelson,
Miss Mary Orr,
Cullen Brown,
Miss Louisa Stewart Tillman,
Mrs. R. A. Alger,
Mrs. H. C. Knight,
Mrs. Mary Raymond,
Mrs. Geo. Landon,
Miss Anna B. Aikman,
Mrs. A. M. Miller,
Mrs. John M. Chase,
Mrs. Charles Clark,
Mrs. Pierson,
Mrs. Robert Soutter,
Miss Mary Shearer,
Miss Lizzie Brady,
Miss Lizzie Hall,
Mrs. E C. Linsley,
Miss Mary A. Wishard,
Miss Katie W. Tillman,
Mrs. E. M. Taylor,
Mrs. C. F. Robinson,
Mrs. Henry Swan,
Mrs. John Chapin,
Mrs. Elizabeth McFarren,
Mrs. E. A. Raymond,
Mrs. F. C. Crittenden,
Mrs. C. H. Buhl,
Miss Alice E. Moffatt,
Mrs. Rev. Geo. D. Baker,
Miss Anna Bottsford,
Mrs. A. L. Smith,
Mrs. Marcia Gelston,
Miss Cynthia Lager,
Miss Anna Brown,
Mrs. J. S. McKinley,
Miss Mary Penny,
Miss Mary Standart,
Miss Lottie Ladin,
Miss Mary McClure,
Mrs. A. M. Cheever,
Mrs. M. U. Dermoted,
Mrs. G. B. Dickinson.

ERRATA.—Mrs. A. M. Stark, in the May number, should have been Miss A. M. Stark; and Mrs. A. R. Davies, Mrs. A. R. Davis.

NEW SOCIETIES.

Holly, Michigan.
Mason, Michigan.
Portland, Michigan.
Brighton, Michigan.
Howell, Michigan.
1st Ch., Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Mission Circle, Saline, Michigan.
Jessup Mission Band, Grand Rapids.
Jessup Mission Band, Westminster Pres. Ch., Grand Rapids, Mich.
Southport, Indiana.
Salem, Indiana.
Logansport, Indiana.
Greenwood, Indiana.
Vernon, Indiana.
Mitchell, Indiana.
Charlestown, Indiana.
2d Ch., Madison, Indiana.
Hanover, Indiana.
Bloomington, Indiana.
Bedford, Indiana.
Band of Hope, Hopewell, Indiana.
French Grove, Illinois.
Normal, Illinois.
Omro, Wisconsin.

ATTENTION!

To a few suggestions.

1st. Let all money be remitted quarterly. If the object is specific, name it; do not say, "Boy in China," "Girl in Persia," but give the name and the school, or the missionary under whose care the pupil or Bible-woman is.

2d. If an auxiliary communicates with a missionary independently of the Board at Chicago, let the letters, or copies of them be sent to the Foreign Secretary as soon as possible, in order not only to use them for *Woman's Work*, but to secure a better knowledge of the foreign workers.

3d. If an auxiliary should vote to give $50 to a certain object, let the vote be *recorded*, so that the money sent for the object may correspond with the promise made to the Board; otherwise the $50, voted in good faith, may be sent $25, perhaps as promised, the other $25 to some other object.

4th. Let the annual reports name specifically *all* the objects for which money has been sent to the Treasurer in Chicago. Some of the auxiliaries have this year entirely omitted in their reports objects for which they are known not only to have promised, but to have sent money.

5th. When foreign letters are sent to a society, if these letters are used *promptly* (copied if necessary), and then returned, or sent to the address specified, much annoyance and delay will be saved to the Secretaries at Chicago, and to other auxiliaries. Letters are *out now* which should have been sent to Chicago long ago, and have been much needed.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, for April and May, 1874.

Mrs. J. H. Brown, Springfield, Ill.,	$25 00
Girls' M. C., Riverside, Ill., for sch. in Persia,	15 00
Soc., Princeton, Ill., Mrs. John C. Hill L. M.,	25 00
Soc., Nebraska City, Neb., for buildings, Brazil,	15 00
Mary Gregory Band, Nebraska City, for same,	15 00
Mrs. E. H. Craven, L. M., Evanston, Ill.,	25 00
Soc., Bellefontaine, O.,	26 00
Soc., Webster Grove, Mo., zenana reader, Persia,	21 50
Soc., Belvidere, Iowa, L. M.,	50 00
2d Ch., Lafayette, and S. S.,	100 00
Y. L. Miss. and Aid Soc., Cal. Ch., Milwaukee,	100 00
1st Ch., Miss Val Mission Band, Milwaukee,	50 00
Soc., 3d Ch., Chicago, Persian schools,	185 00
Mrs. C. H. McCormick for Mrs. Rhea's sal.,	100 00
Soc., Hyde Park, four L. M's.,	185 00
Cheerful Workers, 8th Ch., Chicago, for Grace, Mrs. Alexander's sch.,	28 00
Mrs. Dr. Pierson, 1st Ch, Chicago, for Hannah, Oroomiah Fem. Sem.,	31 25
Soc., Homer, Mich.,	20 10
La Porte, Ind,	15 44
A Friend, Perth Amboy, N. J., for Brazil,	100 00
Soc., 1st Ch., Lafayette, Ind., Hoshebo and daughter,	100 00
Soc., Red Wing, Minnesota, sup. Miss Downing,	50 00
Mitchell, Ind.,	20 00
Macomb, Ill.,	30 00
Monmouth, Ill.,	45 00
Soc., Galena, Ill.,	16 50
1st Ch., Madison, Ind.,	30 00
Westminster, Toledo, O., *gold*,	50 00
Portage City, Wis.,	20 00
Grand Rapids, Mich.,	5 00
A Friend, Duluth, Minn., Brazil,	1 00
Soc. Salem, Ind.,	15 00
Pleasantville, Ind.,	2 50
Miss Boyce, Ypsilanti, Mich.,	1 00
Mrs. McKinley, Champaign, Ill.,	5 00
Mrs. J. B. Lee, Brighton, Mich,	$5 00
Dr. Lawson, Brighton, Mich.,	50
A Friend, *silver*,	1 00
Mrs. Rev. Calvin Clark, Marshall, Mich.,	5 00
A Friend, Mt. Clemens, Mich.,	2 00
A Friend, Birmingham, Mich.,	1 50
Soc., Rockford, Ill.,	1 35
"Little Winne," Ill.,	1 00
Soc., Southfield, Mich.,	5 00
Mrs. S. C. Collins, Quincy, Mich.,	1 00
Soc., Ypsilanti, Mich., by Miss C. W.,	5 00
Soc., Ypsilanti, Mich., by O. G. La Rue,	5 00
Soc., Ypsilanti, Mich., Ella and Hattie Holmes,	1 00
Mrs. Armitage and Mrs. Hogarth, Monroe, Mich. to constitute Miss Katie W. Tillman L. M,	25 00
Young La. Miss. Soc. Fort St. Ch., Detroit, Mich., for Teheran, and to constitute Miss Mary Penny, Miss Mary Standart, Miss Lottie Ladue, and Miss C. Woodruff L. M's.,	100 00
A member of Miss. Band,	1 00
Mrs E. Powelson, 1st Ch., Detroit, to make her daughter Hattie a L. M.,	25 00
"Charlie,"	1 00
Mrs. Hiram Kellogg, Brighton, Mich.,	1 00
A widow, Detroit, *silver*,	1 00
Mrs. Hentig $5, Mrs. F. Moore $5, Detroit, to make Mrs. H. C. Knight L. M.,	10 00
Mrs. Charles Root, Fort St. Ch., Detroit, to make Miss Mary Orr L. M.,	25 00
"Little Lizzie," Detroit,	1 00
Jennie and Hattie, *silver*,	50
In behalf of "Lambs of the Flock" of Fort St. Ch., Detroit, by Mrs. H. C. K.,	2 00
Mrs. J. D. Hayes, Fort St. Ch., Detroit,	5 00
Mrs. Wm. Warner, of 1st Ch., Detroit, to make herself L. M. by monthly payments,	5 00
Soc., Granville, Ohio,	5 00

Battle Creek, Mich., for Teheran, ... $17 00
Busy Bees, Battle Creek, Mich, for Teheran, . . . 3 00
Rhea Gleaners, Battle Creek, Mich., for Teheran, . . 10 00
Mrs. Arthur Pierson, Detroit, to apply on L. M. of her daughter, Laura Woodruff, . 5 00
Ladies of Saginaw, Mich., present at annual meeting, to make Mrs. E. M Taylor L. M., 25 00
A Friend, Ann Arbor, Mich., . 5 00
Two young ladies, . . . 2 00
Mrs. J. E. Langley, Detroit, . 1 50
A Friend, *silver*, . . . 1 00
A Friend, *gold*, . . . 2 50
Mrs. H. C. Wheeler, Waukegan, 5 00
Mrs. F. Moore, Detroit, . . 15 00
Mrs. Cullen Brown to make her son Cullen L. M., . . 25 00
Friends, ... 52 65
Mr. Alanson Shely, Detroit, to make his wife a L. M., . . 25 00
Soc., Carthage, Ill., . . 20 00
S. S. 3d Ch., Chicago, special for Persia, ... 40 00
Soc., Keokuk, Iowa, sup. Miss Jewett, ... 18 00
1st Ch., Bloomington, Ill., Persia, ... 25 00
S. S., Terre Haute, Ind., special for Persia, ... 5 00
Soc., Southport, Ind., . . 12 00
Soc., Vinton, Iowa, Miss Jewett's salary, ... 25 00
Premium on gold, Westminster Ch., Toledo, O., . . . 6 50
Richardson Miss. Band, 1st Ch., Detroit, to make Mrs. C. F. Robinson and Mrs. Henry Swan L. M'S., . . . 50 00
Mrs. E. Woods, Englewood, Ill., ... 2 00
Dr. E. K. Pearson, 1st Ch., Chicago, constitute Mrs. Jno. Chapin L. M., . . . 25 00
Soc., Lake Forest, Ill., Miss Russell's salary, . . . 52 00
S. S. of 1st Ch., Janesville, Wis., sup. teacher Oroomiah, Persia, ... 50 00
Pauline Band, Champaign, Ill., 60 00
Soc., Lansing, Iowa, . . 4 85
Soc., Detroit, by Mrs. Elizabeth McFarren, herself a L. M., . 25 00
Hyde Park, Ill., to sup. pupil with Miss Dean, . . . 50 00
Soc., Columbus, Ind., Mexico, 50 00
Mrs. Tillman, with former gifts, make Louisa Stewart Tillman L. M., ... $1 00
"Little Bertie," Detroit, . 2 00
Young Ladies Jeff. Av. Bee Hive Band, Detroit, . . 50 00
Soc., Hanover, Ind., . . 13 80
A Friend, Lafayette, Ind., for Hoshebo, ... 1 00
Premium on gold and silver, . 89
Infant Class Mission Band, Peoria, special for Persia, . 8 00
1st Ch. S. S., Flint, Mich., special for Persia, . . . 20 00
Mrs. J. A. Brown, Milwaukee, for her children, . . . 5 00
Soc., 1st Ch., Chicago, Miss Morrison's salary, . . 57 00
Mrs. C. H. Buhl and Mrs. Hugh Moffatt, Detroit, L. M'S., 50 00
Mrs. Geo. D. Baker, Detroit, sup. pupil Mrs. Thomson's sch., Mexico, . . . 27 00
Mrs. Anna Sheldon, Detroit, to make Miss Anna Bottsford L. M., ... 25 00
Soc., Onarga, ... 7 00
Soc., Franklin, Mich., sup. girl in Miss Dean's sch., . . 15 00
Soc., Northville, Mich., Mary Dubuar, Oroomiah, . . 20 00
Miss Anna Jeffrey, Southfield, Mich., ... 3 30
Soc., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, for Persia, ... 13 25
Soc., Yates City, Ill., . . 7 50
Mrs. Col. Martin Ewing and Mrs. Strowbridge, . . 2 00
Mrs. F. C. Crittenden, Stony Creek, make herself L. M., . 25 00
Soc., Evanston, Ill., for Miss Bacon's salary, . . . 57 50
S. S, Evanston, special for Persia, ... 20 00
Westminster Ch. S. S., Toledo, Ohio, special for Persia, . 17 52
Soc., Michigan City, Ind., . 6 10
Miss Andie Calhoun, Austin, Texas, for sup. of Mary Gilmore Belle, ... 16 50
Mrs. S. C. Hutchinson, New Albany, ... 5 00
Mrs. J. S. McKinley, Champaign, Ill., make herself L. M., 25 00
Mrs. J. G. Johnston, Peoria, Ill., to make her daughter, Julia H., a L. M., by monthly payments, . . . 2 00
Mrs. C. A. Williams, Geneva Lake, Wis., ... 10 00
Mrs. R. A. Alger, Detroit, L. M., 25 00

Rhea Miss. Band, Detroit, Pierson sch with Mrs. Lucas,	$10 00
Mrs. Arthur Pierson, Detroit, to apply on L. M. for Laura Woodford,	10 00
Mrs. Zug, $5; Mrs. Root, $5; Mrs. Wilcox, $5; to finish L. M. of Mrs. H. C. Knight,	15 00
Additional, Detroit,	1 00
S. S. Class, Ionia, Mich., for sup. Hamran,	8 00
Books, &c., sold,	13 30
Total receipts for April,	$3065 80

Draft Jno. F. Ely and Mr. Sinclair, Cedar Rapids, for Mrs. Rhea's salary,	$100 00
S. S., Rock Island, special for Persia, *gold*,	25 00
S. S., Rock Island, sup. Foo Loong, in Miss Downing's sch., Chefoo, China. *gold*,	30 00
Mrs. John Chandler, Cold Water, Mich.,	5 00
Soc., 1st Ch., Chicago, Miss Morrison's salary,	78 00
Soc., Tecumseh, Mich, for sch. at Dehra, India,	50 00
Mrs. C. B. Farwell, for Mrs. Rhea's salary, Lake Forest, Ill.,	25 00
Mrs. E. Woods, Englewood, Ill.,	3 00
Rev. Walter Forsyth, Englewood, Ill.,	5 00
Soc., Detroit, Mich., to redeem ring,	25 00
Lansing, Iowa,	1 75
W. J. Gill Miss. Band, 1st Ch., Des Moines,	20 00
Soc., Granville, Ohio, for L. M. No. 301,	25 00
Ypsilanti, Mich.,	30 00
"Little Gleaners," Ypsilanti, Mich.,	5 83
For envelopes, Ypsilanti, Mich.,	6 00
Soc., Freeport, Ill.,	31 84
Soc., Peoria, Ill., regular collection,	31 10
Soc., Peoria, special for debt F. M.,	29 75
2d Ch. S. S., Peoria, Ill., special for Persia.	23 48
2d Ch., Chicago, Miss Calhoun's salary,	69 53
2d Ch., Chicago, Miss Calhoun's salary,	37 34
Soc., Hopkinton, Iowa,	10 00
Soc., Monroe, Mich, L. M. 302,	25 00
Ypsilanti, Mich., envelopes and atlas,	$1 90
A Friend, Detroit, Mich., silver and gold pieces sent by Mrs. M. E. Brownell,	5 00
Westminster Band, Detroit, to make L. M 303,	25 00
Mrs. C. F. McClung, Oregon, Mo.,	5 00
Soc., Birmingham, Mich.,	12 50
Soc., Marshalton, Iowa,	24 35
Soc., 1st Ch., Chicago, Miss Morrison's salary,	27 00
Soc., Evansville, Ind., Mrs. Warren's salary,	30 00
Soc., Ionia, Mich., sup. Debki and make Mrs. Pierson L. M.,	37 00
S. S. class, Ionia (Mrs. Worden's), for sup. Kamran,	2 00
Soc., Portland, Mich.,	1 00
Soc., Rock Island, Ill., premium of gold draft deposited May 1st,	6 87
Soc., Westminster B. Ch., Grand Rapids,	15 00
Jessup Mission Band, Grand Rapids,	5 00
By member of W. M. Soc. of Pres. Ch., Ann Arbor, Mich., to make John M. Chase and Mrs. Chas. Clarke, L. M's.,	50 00
Calvary Mission S. S., Peoria, for Persian schs.,	25 00
Mrs. J. H. Burlingame, Delevan, Ill.,	5 00
Mrs. J. G. Johnston, in part to make Miss Julia H. Johnston a L. M.,	5 00
May coll. of Society, Peoria, for Dehra sch.,	2 50
Soc., Calvary Ch., Milwaukee, Wis.,	51 95
Forty-first Chapel, Chicago,	17 36
Mrs. D. K. Pearsons, 1st Ch., Chicago,	100 00
Soc., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for Miss Jewett's salary,	75 00
Soc., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for Miss Pratt's salary, and to make L. M. 308 and 309,	50 00
Mrs. S. P. Brady, Detroit, to make L. M. 310,	25 00
Mrs. Franklin Moore, Detroit, to make L. M. 311,	25 00
Young Ladies' Relief Soc., Bay City, Mich.,	25 00
"Little Gleaners," Ypsilanti, Mich., gold and silver, with premium,	1 30

Milford, Mich., L. M. for Mrs. E. C. Linsley,	$35 00
Normal, Ill.,	10 00
Mrs. Calvin Clark, for Miss Abbie P. Ketchum, of Mich. Fem. Sem., Kalamazoo,	3 00
La Porte, Ind.,	4 73
"Busy Bees," make Mary A. Wishard L. M., Franklin, Ind.,	25 00
Soc., Princeville, Ill., for scholar Allahabad,	28 20
Ada R. Judd, Clifton Springs, N. Y.,	5 00
Mrs. D. S. Albert, La Crosse, Wis.,	19 00
W. M. S., 1st Pres. Ch., Lafayette, Ind.,	27 00
Mrs. French, Blairstown, Iowa,	2 50
Mrs. M. Lyenberger, Montour, Iowa,	1 00
Noyes Band, Pres. Ch., Evanston, and to make Miss Mary McClure L. M.,	28 52
1st Pres. Ch., Chicago, Miss Morrison's sal.,	25 00
To redeem pledge of L. M. S. of Ch. of Waukegan, Ill.,	30 00
For Teheran, W. M. Soc., Mason, Mich.,	60 00
Soc., Greenwood, Ind.,	10 00
W. F. M. S, Hanover, Ind.,	18 50
W. M. S., Elkhart, Ind.,	20 00
Mrs. D. G. Albert, La Crosse, Wis., additional,	3 00
Persian Band and S. S., Independence, Iowa,	4 50
For work in Mexico, $32; to redeem pledge, $15; Mount Clemens, Mich.,	47 00
For Persia, Saline, Mich.,	$25 00
Redeem pledge, W. M. S., Franklin, Mich.,	5 00
For Bible-reader in Miss Tracy's sch., Alton, Ill.,	24 00
For Bible-reader in Miss Tracy's sch., Carollton, Ill.,	24 00
Ladies' 2d Pres. Ch., Bloomington, Ill.,	62 00
Birthday thank-offering from Mrs. E. M. Dunning, Beloit, Wis., per Mrs. Rhea,	5 00
W. M. S., Westminster Pres. Ch., Toledo, Ohio,	25 00
2d Pres. Ch., Chicago, Ill.,	157 39
For sch. in Brazil (of which Mrs. M. H. Demond for herself, L. M., $25), Aux. Soc. of W. B. M., Joliet, Ill., and $6.75 from Cheerful Workers,	47 00
Mrs. Pearis, Heyworth, Ill., for publications,	20
W. F. M. S., Ch., Evanston, Ill.,	30 00
For envelopes, Mrs. Barker, Kenwood, Ill.,	75
For debt, W. F. M. S., Westminster Ch., Rockford, Ill.,	3 00
By Mrs. Laflin, "Gift from Iowa,"	14 00
For Miss Jewett's gatekeeper, 2d Pres. Ch. Miss. Soc., Cedar Rapids, Iowa,	18 00
To redeem pledge, Northville, Mich.,	10 00
Total for May,	$2105 64
" April,	3065 80

Total for April and May, 1874, ... $5171 44

MRS. JESSIE WHITEHEAD, *Treasurer*,
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CORRECTION.—The $25 acknowledged in the May number, from Mrs. A. M. Stark, Ypsilanti, should have been from Miss A. M. Stark, Stony Creek, Mich.

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